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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 10/729,115 | SPRY ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Oscar A. Louie | 2136 |

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1. This communication is responsive to 08/03/2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2100

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DETAILED ACTION

This Reasons for Allowance action is in response to the Request for Continued Examination in regards to the filing of amendments submitted 06/11/2007.

Allowance

1. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, & 21 have been amended with written arguments which overcome the examiner's prior rejections and objections, see paper of 06/11/2007. Examiner withdraws all outstanding rejections and objections to claims 1-24.
2. Claims 1-24 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. Prior art was found which disclosed a system and method for authenticating block level cache access on network, where the network uses the iSCSI protocol, a cache device discovers new clients and servers, authentication ticket, and a login request including a client ticket (e.g. Hetzler et al., US-7134139-B2).
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
5. The prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the limitations as recited in independent claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, & 21 specific to the, "prohibiting send target discovery sessions as a system administrator option" and "determining whether a payload of said iSCSI login request contains a "SessionType=Discovery" key/value pair" and "when discovery sessions

are disabled and said iSCSI login request contains said "SessionType=Discovery" key/value pair, rejecting said iSCSI login request" and "configuring discovery via supporting protocols external to the iSCSI protocol" and "providing a setting to individually enable/disable at least one of discovery sessions SLP, iSNS, ICMP, SNMP" and "when said discovery session, said SLP, and said iSNS are all disabled providing a warning that an initiator must be statically configured to locate a target on an iSCSI entity." Dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18-20, & 22-24 are allowed as they depend from an allowable independent claims.

Therefore, the Examiner considers the above recited independent claim limitations as the non-obvious novelties of the invention.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Oscar Louie whose telephone number is 571-270-1684. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami, can be reached at 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for Formal or Official faxes to Technology Center 2100 is 571-273-8300.

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